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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to varsity interscholastic athletic contests
2 and athletic competitions eligibility limitations for pupils
3 who participate in open enrollment, and including effective
4 date and retroactive applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 11, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 11. A pupil who participates in open enrollment for purposes
4 of attending a grade in grades nine through twelve in a school
5 district other than the district of residence is ineligible
6 to participate in varsity interscholastic athletic contests
7 and athletic competitions during the pupil's first ninety
8 school days, or the equivalent five hundred forty hours of
9 instruction, of enrollment in the district except that the
10 pupil may participate immediately in a varsity interscholastic
11 sport if the pupil is entering grade nine for the first
12 time and did not participate in an interscholastic athletic
13 competition for another school or school district during the
14 summer immediately following eighth grade, if the district of
15 residence and the other school district jointly participate
16 in the sport, if the sport in which the pupil wishes to
17 participate is not offered in the district of residence, if
18 the pupil chooses to use open enrollment to attend school in
19 another school district because the district in which the
20 student previously attended school was dissolved and merged
21 with one or more contiguous school districts under section
22 256.11, subsection 12, if the pupil participates in open
23 enrollment because the pupil's district of residence has
24 entered into a whole grade sharing agreement with another
25 district for the pupil's grade, or if the parent or guardian
26 of the pupil participating in open enrollment is an active
27 member of the armed forces and resides in permanent housing
28 on government property provided by a branch of the armed
29 services. A pupil who has paid tuition and attended school, or
30 has attended school pursuant to a mutual agreement between the
31 two districts, in a district other than the pupil's district
32 of residence for at least one school year is also eligible to
33 participate immediately in interscholastic athletic contests
34 and athletic competitions under [this section](#), but only as a
35 member of a team from the district that pupil had attended.

1 For purposes of *this subsection*, "*school days of enrollment*"
2 does not include enrollment in summer school. For purposes of
3 this subsection, "*varsity*" means the same as defined in section
4 256.46.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
6 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

7 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
8 retroactively to July 1, 2015, for school calendars beginning
9 on or after that date.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill modifies a current requirement relating to
14 the time during which a pupil who is participating in
15 open enrollment is ineligible to participate in varsity
16 interscholastic athletic contests and athletic competitions.

17 Currently, the pupil is ineligible to participate in varsity
18 interscholastic athletic contests and athletic competitions
19 the first 90 days of the pupil's enrollment in the receiving
20 district. The bill provides that the pupil is ineligible for
21 the first 90 days, or the equivalent 540 instructional hours,
22 of enrollment.

23 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively
24 applicable to July 1, 2015, for school calendars beginning on
25 or after that date.